conclusive evidence to indicate that there is decline in population of certain Scheduled Tribe groups due to biological factors.

(b) Tribe-wise population figures as per 1981 Census are not yet available. However the 1971 Census showed a decline in respect of certain tribal groups which may be partly due to cross-enumeration of various tribal groups and migration, etc.

(c) and (d) Health care constitutes an important component of the micro-projects formulated for vulnerable tribal groups like primitive tribes during 7th Plan. Health studies for such groups have been initiated with assistance from Union and State Governments. These are in addition to the normal Health Programmes implemented in tribal areas.

Shortage of Houses in Delhi

1861. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there continues to be acute housing shortage in Delhi; if so, what is the number of people living in various types of accommodation in Delhi and the number of those who live in thatched huts, pavements or in the open; and

(b) what are the details of various steps being taken or proposed to be taken to end housing shortage in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) DDA or Delhi Administration have not conducted any survey recently about housing shortage in Delhi.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Report of the Wage Board for Journalists and non-journalists

1862. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 312 given in Rajya Sabha on the 10th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the Wage Board for journalists and non-journalists would be in a position to finish its work by the extended time i.e. 31st March 1988; and

(b) what measures are being taken to expedite its work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The present, extended, term of the Wage Board for Working Journalists and Non-Working Journalists, News paper Employees is upto 31-3-88. According to the Wage Boards, the final submissions by the employers and employees' Organisations will yet take time. After they conclude their submission and furnish replies to questions put to them, and after experts have been heard (regarding whose examination the Boards have yet to take a decision), Wage Boards would sit continuously and keeping in view the present stage of work, Wage Boards have estimated that the report is likely to be finalised only by 31st August, 1988.

Setting up of National Industrial Tribunal

1863. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a National Industrial Tribunal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?